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SUBJECT: THE JLP FAMILY-- ADDITIONAL BIO DATA

1. THIS CABLE CONTAINS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON PERSONAL INTERESTS OF THE LOPEZ PORTILLO FAMILY WHICH MAY BE OF USE IN FORTHCOMING VISIT TO WHITE HOUSE.

2. EOSE LOPEZ PORTILLO-- IS A SPORTS ENTHUSIAST. HE TOLD AN INTERVIEWER THAT HE IS A FAN OF AMERICAN FOOTBALL, HAVING PLAYED IT AS A STUDENT. HE WAS A FAN OF AMERICAN BOXER JACK DEMPSEY. HE ALSO PRACTICES KARATE ("VERY BADLY", HE SAYS) AND HAD SUSTAINED AN INJURY TO HIS LEG THE DAY BEFORE HIS SELECTION AS PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. HE JOGS, WORKS OUT ON A PUNCHING BAG, AND SWIMS ALMOST DAILY. HE ALSO PAINTS A BIT AND SAYS HE ENJOYS CLASSICAL MUSIC (BRAHMS, BACH, BEETHOVEN).

3. CARMEN ROMANO DE LOPEZ PORTILLO. BORN 10 FEB 1930. ACCORDING TO ONE REPORT SHE STUDIED PIANO UNDER UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN PROFESSOR GEORGE SANDOR. TOLD INTERVIEWER THAT SHE HAD PLANNED TO PURSUE PIANO STUDY IN VIENNA WHEN SHE MARRIED JLP. THEY WILL CELEBRATE 25TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY OCTOBER 20.

4. JOSE RAMON LOPEZ PORTILLO ROMANO ("PEPE"). BORN

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2 FEB 1954. RECENTLY GRADUATED FROM MEXICO CITY'S ANAHUAC

UNIVERSITY WITH DEGREE IN ECONOMICS AT HEAD OF CLASS OF SIXTEEN. PREPARING THESIS ON MEXICAN ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; UNDECIDED WHETHER TO REMAIN IN MEXICO OR TO PURSUE GRADUATE STUDIES ABORAD. UNDERSTANDS ENGLISH BUT "TOO TIMID TO SPEAK IT".

5. CARMEN BEATRIZ LOPEZ PORTILLO ROMANO ("GIGI"). BORN 7 APRIL 1955. STUDYING LAW IN MEXICO CITY'S NEW METRO-POLITCAN UNIVERSITY. TOLD INTERVIEWER THAT SHE IS INTERESTED IN INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

6. PAULINA LOPEZ PORTILLO ROMANO. BORN 20 JUNE 1959, STILL IN HIGH SCHOOL. WRITES POETRY, DESCRIBED BY HER MOTHER AS "ARTISTIC IN EVERYTHING".

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